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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. George Street, 30 Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Oirous, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Joury, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

MEW YORK :- AMDREW WIND, 188, Nossau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND :-GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourns and Sydney. BAN FRANCISCO and American Ports

CHINA: -- Swatow, Quelch & CAMPBELL Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foothow, Hunga & Co. Shanghai. LAME, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Walsh, Manila, C. HRIKSERK & Co.

generally:-BEAR & BLACE, San Fran-

Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, ..... 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-E. R. Belilios, Esq. Deputy Chairman-AD. ANDRE, Esq. J. F. Condes, Esq. S. W. Pomerov, Esq.

F. D. SASSOOM, Esq. H. Hoppius, Esq. A. Molves, Esq. Act: Chief Manager.

Hongkong, . , Thomas Jackson, Esq. Manager, Shanghal, . . Ewen Camenon, Esq.

LUNDON BANKERS, -London and County HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

OR Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits :--For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum. 4 per cent, 5 per cent, 19 97

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

T. JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No, 1, Queen's Road Bast. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Australia, America, China and Japan.

## Auctions...

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY.

the 12th February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at their Office, Queen's Road,-The whole of their OFFICE FURNI-TURE, &c., comprising: Desks, Chairs, Tables, Clocks, Letter Press, Inkstands, Stationery, &c., &c.

Legal and other Books. A Collection of Charts. One Milner's Patent Fire Resisting Safe. Measuring about 4 ft. 10 in. by 3 ft. 11 in. by 3 ft. 10 in.

One Large Copying Press. One Platform Scale.

One 6-cared House-boat, with Awning, Oars, Iron Davits, Falls, &c. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lote, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Austioneer.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fel2 PUBLIC AUOTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. G. Morris, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY.

the 15th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock ABLE SHOW will be Held in the p.m., at his Residence, "Hermitage," - PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY, the 16th, The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising :-Drawing, Dining, and Bed-room Suites, Tables, Chairs, Sofa, Mirrors, Pictures, Sideboard, Crockery, Glass and Platedware, Bedsteads, Toilet Table, Wash. stands and Sots, &c., &c.

One Plano Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Wednesday, the 14th Instant. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7. 1. 7.

of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Austionser.

Hopgkong, February 9, 1977.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTIOE. R. FRITZ LANCKEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the Slat December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

MOTION.

11 HE Undermentioned Firm is This DAT DISSOLVED by consent. The Firm in Liquidation will be signed by Mr A. Fraser in Japan, by Mr E. G. Low in Shanghai, and by Mr T. G. LINSTEAD in Hongkong, or by any one of the Partners. HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

MAR. FEEDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st L'ecember last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our rirm at Canton.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTIOE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSO-

CLATION. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

NOTICE. R. J. F. Cordes' Interest and Respon-WI sibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-SARY will be carried on by the Under-

WM. ORUIOKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

signed.

NOTICE. THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be

used for the Liquidation only. C. J. MESTERN. W. HULSE.

Canton, December 81, 1876.

NOTICE. TAR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at

be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co." EDWARD HERTON.

SWATOW and HOIHOW, which in future will

## Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. fe19 Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB

will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

MONDAY.

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burleaque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp.

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at Nine o'Olock. Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE. CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday,

February 14th.

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, January 27, 1877.

CHAS. C. COHEN,

# Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGET. and SATURDAY, the 17th February. 

Second Day, ..... 50 Cents. Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may b had of Mossis Lane, Crawford & Co. Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. HONGKONG AGENCY.

INROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Pre-All Lots, with all faults and errors of mises in the PRATA CENTRAL lately coutpied description, at purchaser's risk on the fall by Messra Gumen & Co., nest to Messra RUSSELL & Co.'s Building

H. DE POUNT.

#### Intimations.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

GUILLET

BRANDY. CELEBRATED This Brandy is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers. from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\* in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

## POMMERY & GRENO'S

AGNE

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

#### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

TITHE Steamer KIUKIANG will make a Trip to CANTUN and Back on SUN-DAY, the 11th Instant, leaving here

8 a.m., and Canton at 4 p.m. The WHITE CLOUD will also Run on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, leaving MACAU at 8 a.m., and HUNGKONG at 2 p.m. There will be no Macao Steamer on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA Secretary. Hongkong, February 9, 1877.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

of SHARKHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESap2 DAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

> General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Com-A pany will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inaluded.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-

PANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NTOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth HULDERS of the above Company will be on MUNDAY, 19th February, 1877, at Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hong. 8p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statekong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, ment of Accounts to 81st December, 1870 at 3 o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of re- the Report of the Directors, and for the ceiving the Report of the Directors, to- election of Directors and Auditors. gether with a Statement of Accounts, to

Sist December, 1876. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be ULOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877.

THE Office of the Invental Russian CONSULATE has This Day been RE-MOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL. By Order,

LOUIS HAUBOHILD. Scoresary. Hongkong, January 29, 1877.

NOTICE. THE Office of the Invental German Consulate has This Day been RE.

MOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL. By Order, Louis Hauschild, Beerelaty.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Co.'s

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. TOTICE is hereby given, that the Or dinary Yearly MEETING of the

SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 80th December, 1876.

By Order of the Court of Directors. THOMAS JACKSON, Acting Unief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CURPORATION will be CLOSED from the HE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING 5th to the 15th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON. Acting Chief Manager. Hongkong, February I, 1877.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 81st De-

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOOL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING SHAREHOLDERS will be Hold at Ordinary MEETING of the SHARE- the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers,

> By Order of the Board, Becretary. Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, NOTICE.

will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th Instant, both days included. By Order D. GILLIES

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company

Hongkong, February 2, 1677. MOTICE, HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER

THE Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS of the Howakond GE-NEBAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be Held at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1877, at 8 p.m.

OF COMMERCE.

By Ordet, n, e. dennys, Secretary.

intimations. HONGKONG.

J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS. &c., drc., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

rated under guarantee. All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co. NOTICE.

TAR. GEORGE W. BAFFEY has been authorized to Sign the Company's Bills of Lading from and after this date. G. B. EMORY,

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co. NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have This Day been REMOVED to No. 87 Queen's Road, Central. G. B. EMORY,

Agent. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

NOTICE.

TY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Messra Russell & Co. have This Day assumed charge of their AGENCY

G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.

IN Accordance with the above notification. We have this Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSI-NESS at this Port. Until Further Notice the Offices of the

Company will remain at No. 16, Praya Mr C. V. SMITH is authorized to sign spatch. Bills of Lading. Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages

Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading. RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHING

AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO. THE U.S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1877, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the

United States, and Europe. Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Tokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and EUROPE VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Com-

pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama. At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until p.m. 17th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. apply to same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central. RUBSELL & to, Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOGHOW. The Steamship

Captain M. Young, will be der spatched for the above Ports; 6h SUNDAY, the 11th-Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

The Company's Steamship

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

"MENZALEH," Comdt. PASQUALINI, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight. H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, February 9, 1877.

NOTIOE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Comdt. BRUNET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

H. DU POUEY, Hongkong, February 9, 1877. FOR SHANGHAL

The British Steamship "CYPHRENES" wili have quick despatch above. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. A 1 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA! BLAKER, Master, will load here

and have immediate despatch.

MEYER & Co. Honglessy Waters 5, 1877. FOR LONDON (DIRECT.) (If sufficient Inducement offers.)

For Freight, apply to

The 3/3 L. 1 1 German Bark DENECKEN, Master, will load here, and have immediate de-

For Freight, apply to Horgkong, January 29, 1877.

The A 1 British Ship KNIGHT, Master, will load

For Freight, apply to

FOR LONDON.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "OEYLON," KELLY, Master, will load here

and at Whampon for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The American Ship "SUMATRA,"

have quick des atch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

Captain CLOUGH, will load here for the above Port, and will

FOR LUNDON. (If sufficient Inducement affers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship WERLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement,

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "CUTWATER" CREELMAN, Master, will load

here and will have quick des-DALCH AS ADOVE For Freight, apply to Vogel, Hagedorn & Cs.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The British Bark

quick despatch for the above

ROZARIO & Co Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

Captain Johnson, will have a quick despatch for the above For Freight of Passage, apply to

Insurances.

CHIMA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

> WO CHARGE FOR POLICY YERS, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Scereiary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871. and other was a 15

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

FIGHE Undersigned are prepared to grant at Noon. POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matsheds, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulis of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be reselved. and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision, a contract of the contract If sequired, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

posals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton, Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant In-ENFANCES AS CUFFEST FALCE.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company,

INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

MOTIOE,

DOLICIES granted at surrent rates or Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nott amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Mongkong, April 17, 1678.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of 245,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereta, as ourrous total Tates, and look to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

> ESTABLISH: 1809. **CAPITAL £2,000,000.**

MHE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co..

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. IMCORFORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majerty King George The Biret.

A. D. 1720, THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are propared to grant Insurances as follows:--

Marine Department. Policies at ourrent rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia,

Fire Department, Policies issued for long or chart periods at surrout sates. A discount of 20 % allowed Life Department,

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms,

Holliday, wish & Co. Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Hi Undersigned Agenia are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to icaus Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on seiching ricks as current rotes.

A Discount of 20% allowed. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongroug, January 5, 1875.

MARCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

Agents for the above Company at Houses in the Houses in the Houses, Colony, State of the propaged to grant Colony. losuranças et cuscont estec.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkody, Optobor 14, 1889,

Mails.



STEAM FOR Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Buez, Malta, Brindisi. Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIGINAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship LOMBARDY, Captain HALL, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 15th February,

For further Particulars, apply to A. MolVER, Superintenden Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro- PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

> UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STRAMERS

"OCEANIO," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohams, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until p.m. of 28th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent, on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

To Let.

TO LET. ATO. 8. PEUHILI TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession. Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO BE LET. THE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of the BORNEO COMPANY. TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

TO LET. TTOUSE No. 14, Gough Street.

Apply to J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, Caine Road, lately occu-House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kipp. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

TO BE LET. THE Premises at present occupied by the International Ice Manufacturing Co. Limited.

For particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1876.

TO LET. ITHE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 64, Queen's Road.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

for sale.

FOR BALE, MUTLER, PALMER & Co./s Colebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Biembeen & Co. Hongkong, June 23, 1876.

Hong Lists.

Circular, large sheet, THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most Important Companies, Institutions

Frice, 25 conta sach i or \$9.50 per dozen At the "Chine, Wall" Dices;

For Sale.

MUBORGS FABRIKKER DANISH BEER TO BE HAD FROM LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 15, 1877.

NOW READY.

MENG-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN OHIMA. By Dr. E. J. Errat. One Volume, Svo. Price,

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures, By Dr. E. J. Errat. Second Edition. One Volume. Svo. Price. \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messes Lane, Crawford & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

SAYLE

TN Order to make Room for SPRIN L: GOODS. On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense to-

duction. DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 80 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 85 cents per yard. FANCY SILKS: We offer about 5,000

yards at 85 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price (\$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard. JAPANESE SILKS! cents per yard. WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES', Boys' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price of the FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price. LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen Children's WOOL MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price. Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMMANTS. Comprising: FLANNELS Calicos, prints, muslins, stuff GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are

Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale. order to prevent disappointment We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unpreceder d Sale must close on February

SAYLE & CO. Victoria Exchange Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

WASHING BOOKS,

(In English and Chinese,) WITASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the ti of Ledies and Gentlemen, are no ready at this Office—Price \$1 each. OHINA MAIL Office. 27 att to early label.

Intimations.

AFONG. PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR, KENNED! GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG !

and to H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA

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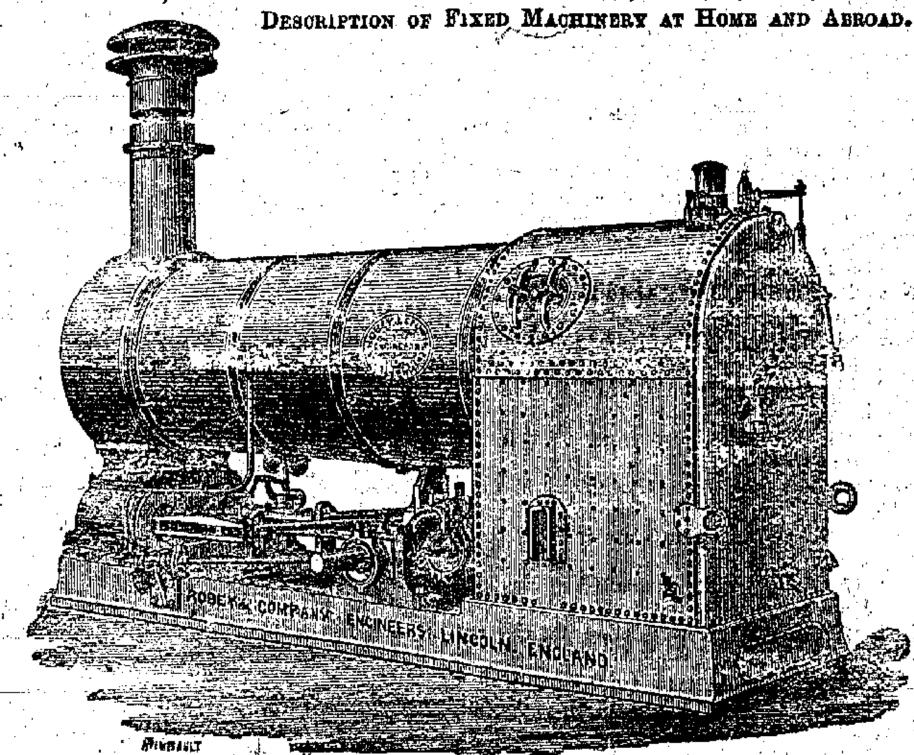
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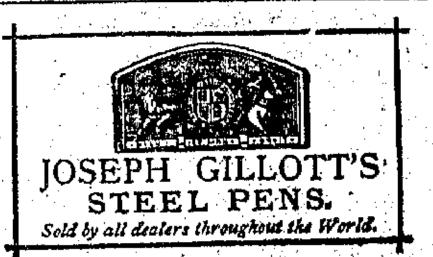
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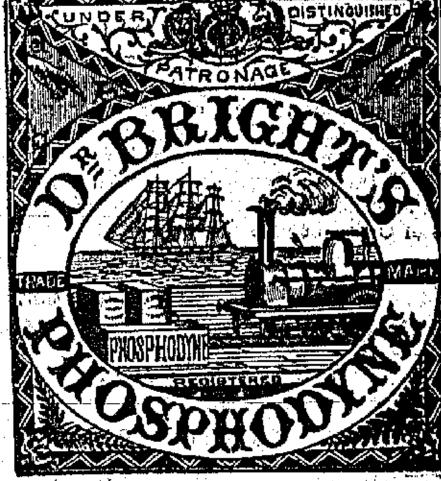
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F. S. HUFFAM, Acting Registrar.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND BINGAPORE.

HHE 8, S. Argyll, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into the r Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Hindostan, Captain T. S. GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate deli-

very of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1877. FROM BUSHIRE, BANDER, ABBAS

AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Gunga, Captain A. GABGRAU, having arrived from the above Ports, to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take

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Hougkong, January 24, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

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NOTICE. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. " Euphrate," from London, in conneotion with the above Steamer, are hereby

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6 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURS-DAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship

" ARGYLL," D. Scott, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m. Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1877.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The British Steamship

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Captain D. Bradford, -Arnhold, Karberg Bonito, German barque, Captain J. F. Athen Besse, American barque, Captain | Hongkong, February 8, 1877. S. Noyes.—Rezario & Co. TYBURRIA, British ship, Captain Robt.

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ARRIVALS.

DEPARTURES. Feb. 10, Signal, for Whampon; 10, Ching-to, Chinese gunboat, for &

10. Wodan, for Kealung, 10. H. M. S. Sheldrake, for Foothow. 10, H.M.S. Li y, for Amoy.

10, Norden, for nanila. 10. Morning Star, for Bangkoki 10, Madagasvar, for Amoy.

OLEARED. Christian, for Tientsiti. Deutschland, for Tientsiti. Ceylon, for New York Ouphrenes, for Shanghai, Achi les, for Biogapore and Londoll. Chinkiang, for Guan. 1915 | Nuevo Constante, for Manila.

PASSENGERS. DEPARTED. Per Norden, for Manila, Dr. Parmentier. Per Morning Star, for Bangkok, 20

THE CHINA MAIL.

Chinese. TO DEPART. Per Achil'es, for London, Mr and Mrs Ford, Reyd. Mr and Mrs W. Duffus and 2 children, Revd. Mr and Mrs S. Whitehead and 2 children, Miss Taylor, and 6 Europeans. For Singapore, 20 Uhinese.

> SHIPPING REPORTS. None.

Shipping Intelligence. HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers :-DEPARTURES.

June 9, Aurora, from Richmond, U.S. to Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested | Sept. 16, Western Belle, from Cardiff to Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hong-Sept. 23, Agnes Muir, from London to

Oct. 5, Wegs, from Hamburg to Chefoo. Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Oct. 12, Omba, from London to Shanghal.

Oct. 14, Sir Harry Parkes, from London to Hongkoog. Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong. Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to Shanghal. Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hong-

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Nov. 28. Madura, from Cardiff to Hong-Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to

Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hong-Dec. 4, Benclutha, from Cardiff to Hong-Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Honekong. Dec. 17, Carricks, from London to Hong-

Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Dec. 19, Cairnsmuir (str.), from London to China and Japan. Dec. 20, Chiraman, from London to Hong-

Dec. 28, Inc. from Greenock to Swatow. Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai. Dec. 28, Antenor (str.), from London to Shanghai.

Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hong-

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For SHANGHAL -Per TIGRE, at 11 a.m., on Sunday, the 11th inst, late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30. The Post Office will he open at 10 a.m. Correspondence for Registry by either Mail received till a quarter of an hour before the time for first closing.

For HAIPHONG .-Per Schooner UZZIAH, at 830 p.m., on Monday, the 12th inst. For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-CUTTA.—

Per HINDOSTAN and ARGYLL, at 280 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.-The English Contract Packet LOMBARDY

will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, do., on THURSDAY, the 15th February. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails. &c. :--

Wednesday, 14th Inst. -5 P.M., Money Order Office closes, 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 14th Inst .-

A.M. Post Office opens for of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

(10.18 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postaze fill 11 A.M., when the Post Office Causes

(11.80 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindist or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,

11.50 A M., when the Mail is finally closed.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PAGEST. The United States Mail Packet CITY OF PERING will be despatched on MON-DAY, the 19th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows :--2 P.M. Registry of Lotters crases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes. 2.80 r.m. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Hee of 12 cents extra Postage

unill 2.50 P.M. When the Mail is finally elesed. Correspondence timat be apecially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid

will be sent by British Packet. Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other pitces named balow, if sufficient American Stainpa ard added to prepay them from San Prencists to destination. American Stamps are acid at this Office. General Post Unice.

Houghong, Pobruary 6, 1677.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .--The French Contract Packet AMAZONE, will be despatched on THURS-DAY, the 22nd Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

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5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Office closes except the NIGHT BOX. which remains open all night. Thursday, 22nd Instant.-7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and

Wednesday, 21st Instant.

Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.80 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely. Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 18:-Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports

of Call and Europe. 2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr Morris' residence, "Hermitage." 8 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration at City Hall. Goods per Caphrenes undelivered after this date subject to rent. Goods per Argyll undelivered after this date subject to rent. Goods per Tigre undelivered after Noon,

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FRIDAY, February 16:--Noon, -General Weekly Sale by Mesers Lane. Crawford & Co. 2 p.m .- Meeting of Shareholders of The

Ohina Fire Insurance Co., Limited, a No. 89, Queen's Road. Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 2nd March, inclusive. Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

SATURDAY, February 17:-3 p.m.—Argyll leaves for Singapore Penang and Calcutta. 3 p.m .- Hindostan leaves for Singapore,

Penang and Calcutta. Flower Show at the Public Gardens. Monday, February 19:-3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-

hama and San Francisco. 3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Limited, at Club Chambers. 9 p.m.-Amateur Dramatic Club Per-

formance at the City Hall.

Tuesday, February 20:-3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

THURSDAY, March 1:-3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, March 2:--3 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Cffice, Hongkong.

MEMOS, FOR TO-MORROW RELIGIOUS SERVICES :--

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, -The Right Reverend Bishop of Victoria; The Rev. R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain. On the First and Third Sundays in each Month:-At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion. the Second and Fourth Sundays in each Month (and Fifth, if any):-Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. On Sundays :- At 4 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon. On all Holy Days :- At 8 a.m.,

celebration of the Holy Communion. Military Service. - Rev. W. H. Baynes M.A.-At 8 a.m., Morning Prayer and Litany alternately, Sermon and Celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday.

Union Church.—Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 A.M. Afternoon, 6 P.M. ST. PUTER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—Rev. W H. Baynes, M. A. Service at 5 P.M. every

and Communion on the First Sunday in each month at 11 a.m. nesdays: at 8 p.m., Evening Prayer | hand of steps taken against the rebels, of

Yuen, (All Services in Chinese.) Moruing Prayer :- Litany, Ante-Communion, and Sermon, at 11 A.M. Bible Class, at 8 Preaching, at 6.30 P.M. Holy Com- in a recent issue of the Peking Gazette. munion, let Sunday in Chinese month. Bestin Foundting House, -Service in

the German language, by Pastor E. Klitake, every Sunday, at half-past ten a.k., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point. Shipping. Daylight, - Leonor leaves for Coast Por &.

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Sam .- Kinking leaves for Cantob; Noon, - Tigre leaves for Shangbal. 2 p m .- " hite Cloud leaves for Macab, MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auction. p m -Sale of Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs Heard & Co.'s Office, Queen's Road.

Meeting. 8 p.m -Meeting of 7. K. Ceneral Chamber of Commerce, at 1-9 Clip Hall,

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1877.

fe22 has now reached rather considerable lions are set on foot in China. A were English, visited Bangkok, in 1872 can incite a rebellion, what can the the amount of tonnage entered at the hundreds of Secret Societies spread all port, including the Siamese vessels, over the country, many of them formed reached 132,410 tons, bringing imports for the express purpose of overthrowing to the value of \$5,247,779, and the the existing dynasty, do when they think amount of tonnage that left the port the proper time is arrived for action? reached 134,652 tons, taking away exports to the value of \$6,684,390. The present young King of Siam is said to have done much for his country during his short reign. The erection of a good light at the entrance of the river, the establishment of a police force under able European supervision, and the construction of several fine gunboats, are came to the throne, At the present to-day (10th). time the Siamese Government is also prosecuting with unusual vigour a survey under the superintendence of Captain Loftus, for the purpose of mapping out the best tracks along which to construct telegraphic communication with Burmah The route is intended to run via Penang to Cowding, which is the western bound ary of Siamese territory verging or that of the British. The second expedition returned to Bangkok in September last, having examined the whole tract of country between Lacon and Champon, so that there then remained only the tract from Champon to Bangkok to be surveyed. This was expected to be done in the early part of the present year, and surveys were then to be sent home of the whole route and estimates invited for the construction of the line. A single wire has been laid from Bang-

About nine months ago some vague reports were circulating in this Colony of seditious outbreaks and alarming robberies in the neighbourhood of Canton Full and reliable details of the disturbances were never received here, but at Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer one time the rumours led people to believe that a really serious rebellion had broken out across the water. After ST PAUL'S College CHAPEL .- On Wed- a while equally vague reports came to (shortened form), and exposition of Script | their capture and, in some cases, punishment, and, finally, of the complete sup- his chip. ST. STEPHEN'S Mission Church.—Rev. pression of the rebellion. Some informa-A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam tion respecting one of these outbreaks is Wn have received, and will notice at greater afforded in a long memorial from th Governor-General of Canton, published Information had, it seems, been received of a plot to organise a rising in the district of Kweishen, on the East River, and the local authorities had been ordered to make search for the parties concerned in it, when a native came forward spontaneously and delivered up his son, Yen Lac-sas, to give information in the matter. Seven men were apprehended in consequence, a form of oath being discovered on the person of placed on their trial, the ringleader, a fortune-teller confessed that in the month of October 1878, "he had fallen in; at different times, with the remaining prisoners, and after they had conversed together about their needy we are sure that it will, condition, he had proposed to them, under conditions of secrecy, that they should raise the flag of revolt, and betake themselves to the commission of acts of rapine. They all egreed to this, and in our Law Courts, to decide whether a

river, but this is practically useless until

the whole line is constructed. En avant,

to Heaven, and which contained a sentence to the effect that 'When the year yih hai comes the Great Work will be done.' The confederates then separated each to raise a band of followers, agreeing that they would fix a time in the third moon of the following year to accomplish their rising!" The ringleader being acquainted with the informer, Yen Lac-sze, said to be a man of considerable substance, he appointed him, with his own consent, "purveyor of arms and rice." Each of the confederates enrolled a band, varying in numbers from forty to upwards of a hundred strong: and the intending revolters had assembled in an out-of-the-way spot of the Kwei-shen district to commence their out-break, when they learnt that Yen Lao-sze had been given up to the authorities by his father. The band then dissolved, and the prisoners were subsequently arrested. Five of them, including the ringleader, were, the memorial goes on to state, executed; a sixth died in prison, and four others were sentenced to a penalty one degree more lenient, namely, to undergo one hundred blows and banishment. Yen Laoaze was to be either given up to his father to be kept under control, or, should his father decline the charge, he was to be committed to detention in prison. Thus ended this incipient rebellion. The account is interesting, if only as show-THE trade between Siam and this port ing how simply and readily rebeldimensions. It occupies a line of stea- number of men meet together, and bemers, and the white sailing vessels, flying cause they are needy, they go and plot the well-known ensign of His Majesty the overthrow of the Manchu dynastv. the King of Siam, are constantly to be contented to commence operations with seen entering and leaving our harbour. a hundred or two hundred men, as needy Very few countries have made greater and helpless as themselves. The way progress in commerce during the last | also in which one of the arch conspirators. thirty or forty years than Siam. Ac | the "man of considerable substance," was cording to some statistics published by quietly taken by his father and handed our Singapore contemporary, the Siamese | over to the authorities to give information in 1887 had but one square-rigged of the plot is also supremely ridiculous vessel, the "Conqueror;" in 1872 no the act, in short, is only equalled in less than 145 vessels, of a total ton- absurdity by the kind manner in which nage of 58,158 tons, entered, and 129 the authorities handed him back again vessels of a total tonnage of 50,874 tons, to the care of his pater. Probably the cleared outwards, at Bangkok, all under | objects of the projected insurrection had the Siamese flag. Most of these vessels far more reference to plunder than poliwere built by the Siamese themselves, tics. Sometimes, however, "great events without, in the majority of instances, from little causes spring." The affair assistance from either Europeans or tends to show what a dangerous element Americans. Then again, while in 1887 the Secret Societies are in the country. only seven foreign vessels, six of which If half a dozen needy and ignorant men

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Banks will be closed for business on China New Year's Day.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs among the many improvements that Holliday, Wise & Co.) that the S. S. have been effected since His Majesty | Oairnemuir, from London, left Singapore

In view of the Chinese New Year, the native newspapers have announced a holiday from the 12th to the 17th inst., inclusive. Long as this term of "vacation" may appear to be it is by no means unreasonable, as the generality of the Chinese merchants do not begin business until some time after New Year's Day.

Exorbitant as the prices paid for the lots of the "Bamboo Plantation" recently sold to the Chinese may seem to some, we hear some of the purchasers are making a good thing of the bargain. The owner of two of the lots realized some \$2000 shortly after they were knocked down to him, and negociations are now going on with the new kok to Paknam at the entrance to the buyer for the purchase of the land, and rumour states that he asks \$4000 profit. We think, however, he may be satisfied

with less than that.

AT the Marine Court to-day Olms Oblson, boatswain of the B. S. Montgomeryshire, was charged with refusal of duty. It appears that the defendant had been reduced to Able Seaman, and that he held a master's certificate. Captain Thomsett, the Harbour Master, said he did not wish to send him to prison, and asked him if he would take his discharge, and he said he would. He was, therefore, ordered to be discharged from

length later on, the first part of Dr Eitel's "Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect." The rev. Doctor says, in the Preface to the work, that "The basis of this Dictionary, for the written language, is the Imperial Dictionary of Kanghi combined with the vocabularies appended to the several volumes of Dr Legge's edition of the Chinese Classics, and for the spoken language Dr S. Wells Williams' Tonis Dictionary of the Chinese language in the Canton Dialect." As the author says, he one of them. On the criminals being "has prepared what will be found to be an essentially new Dictionary on the basis of the works published by Kanghi, Dr Legge, and Dr Williams." The author hopes it will be found to be practically useful | and

> THE MUNICIPAL GODS. A guestion may probably be raised shortly

Joss is moveable or immoveable property in other words, whether it is or is not a fixture. It may be remembered that among the tenements on Rangel's property; sold by public auction a short time ago, was the Mr Pope Hennessy arrived in England Sing Wong Temple, where the Joss of Sing | about a fortnight ago and will, as I under-Wong, with its satellites, had their domicile. stand, make a short stay, at home before The whole ground was afterwards resumed | taking his departure for your Colony. Mr by the Government, but sufficient time had | Pope Hennessy's "record" is so well known elapsed between the purchase and the that I need not enlarge upon it. It would resumption to entitle the buyer to give be unjust to form our adverse opinion connotice to the Joss-house lessee of an in- cerning him before he has commenced his crease of rent of nearly one hundred per | career, but he has hitherto not enjoyed the cent, and while the question of increase of best reputation, and has, in fact, been lookrental was being discussed, notice was ed upon as somewhat of a fire-brand. I nerved on all parties concerned that the am told, however, that there has been a Government intended to resume the whole great deal of exaggeration with regard to ground, together with the bui lings thereon. him, especially with respect to the difficulty In due time the lessee vacated the Joss- in Barbadoes, concerning which so much house and was about removing the Josses | appeared in the home papers of an alarmist in the Temple, when the purchaser inter- | character. He had a strong clique against vened and claimed them as his property, him, and they succeeded in making the inasmuch as he having bought the place | most of one or two errors into which he in the first instance, all the fixtures fell. It seems that, at all events among a that were in it were his, presuming large number, he is personally popular. At rate, he claimed the Josses to be his, presented to him and the demonstrations as they formed no part of the lessee's made on his departure from Barbadoes. furniture. On the other hand, the lessee | As it is true that Sir Arthur Kennedy has been appointed Governor of Queensland. contended that, although they were not part of his furniture, the possession of them for him, as the Chinaman question is grahad been dedicated to him. Moreover, they were part and parcel of the "tools" of his profession as the priest of the Temple. Now, if ever this knot y question should be submitted to the decision of a Court of Justice, we imagine it would severely test the wits of any lawyer, however well he might be versed in the law of rights of property, for there are no less than five individuals who could be made parties to the suit, and there is the question whether the Josses are moveable or immoveable | ence are edging themselves into all sorts of property. For the sake of argument, let us say they are moveable property. This leaves the question as far from settlement attempting recently to land at Trinity Bay as ever, for, presuming the purchaser to be the plaintiff and the lessee the defendant, there are the interests of the Government to be considered. It resumes the ground and is practically the owner of everything population has also found expression lately immoveable. Now the Government sells all the materials of the buildings on the ground to a contractor, and this individual has a claim to the Josses as forming part of the materials so purchased by him. Another body of claimants here step in, namely, the donors who dedicated the Josses to the Temple. They say they originally paid for the Josses, and so long as the gods remained in the Temple, they continued to be the property of the public; but inasmuch as the Temple is to be pulled down and removed elsewhere, the donors have a right to reclaim | Arthur Kennedy's career in Hongkong | them, their use having been thus diverted that he will throw the weight of his influ- who was willing to keep and feed him. He from the object for which they were primarlly presented. In view of all these difficulties, the Registrar General, has, we believe, taken possession of the Josses and judge from what goes on at home, no lodged them temporarily in the Governcountry or colony can afford to dispense ment Store. But we fancy an action inwith labourers. Here the great difficulty has long been to find suitable hands in the trover by any of the claimants referred to lower walks of life, and the question is might be sustainable against this official being seriously discussed whether one of these days the Chinese may not find their but what will the lawyers say to this? Will the Habeas Corpus Act be applicable as follows on this point :-in such a case or not?

THE next entertainment at the Temperance Hall will take place on Monday evening next at 1 past 8 o'clock-admission free. The following is the programme:-

Trio-(Piano and 2 Violins) "Ave Sanotissima." Song-"Little Billee." Reading-"The Curse of Kilshogue." Song-"Gaffer Green." Song-"One morning, O so early, Recitation-" Absalom."

Pianoforte Duet-French Air. Song-"The Englishman." Song-"A ship on fire." Part Song-" Pleasant words for all."

Hands & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8rd February, 1877:-Arrivals During the Week, -Jan. 27 Douglas, from Hongkong; 27, Wm. Manson, from Sydney; 29, Menelaus, from

Shanghai. Dopartures During the Week .- Jan. 28. Chefoo, for Shanghai ; 28, Lulu, for Shanghai 128, Anna Cecilia, for Shanghai ; 31 Douglas, for Hongkong; 31, Menelaus, for

## Swatow.

Feb. 7, 1877.

Charters effected are ! German schooner Venezuela, 290 tons register, to Channel f.o., if to United Kingdom £3.5/ per ton sugar, if to Continent £3.10/ per ton sugar; German schooner Oceanus, 329 tons register, to Channel f.c., same voyage - same Tates.

Arrivals .- Fob. 1. Foothow from Hongkong ; 2, Hailoong from Hongkong, Douglas from Coast Ports / Olympia from Hongkong, Albatros from Bangkok ; Yew Po (Chinese gunboat) from Amoy; 6, Fei Hoo (Chinese gunboat) from Amoy; 7, Swatow from

Departures.-Feb. 1, Yesso for Coast Ports; 2, Hailoong for Coast Ports, Douglas for Bongkong, Rubicon for Takao; 5, Olympia for Shangbai; 5, Norna for Hong-

KODA. Vessels in Harbour.—Steamer | Swatow. Balling Vessels: M. A. Dixon, Naworth Castle, Norma, Albatros, Venezuela, and

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 29, 1877. The Governor designate for Hongkong, Josses were fixtures. At any least we may judge so from the addresses

> there will probably be some work out out dually becoming one of considerable importance there. The opposition to John. ny's competition with white labour is evidently go ting more and more severe. The Daily Telegraph had a sensational article upon the subject recently, but miking allowance for some exaggerations, there still seems reason to fear that the adjustment of the difficulty will not be by any means an easy matter. According to the account given, it seems that of late the temperature of white blood has been waxing hotter throughout the entire group of Australian settlements, against the tawny swarms that with irrepressible persistcolonial employment, from farm labourers and laundrymen to skilled mechanics and merchants. A party of Chinese immigrants were driven back by an excited mobinto the water, in the presence of a posse of constables, commanded by high Government officials, who in vain tried to protect the unfortunate Celestials. This bitter prejudice against pig-tailed additions to the in a Bill introduced into the Queensland Parliament, entitled "The Gold Fields Amendment Act." which contained a clause prohibiting "any Asiatic or African alien to appreciate the cheapness of coloured labour on their farms and sheep runs. not unnaturally struck out the clause. which doubtless had previously obtained the assent of a mejority in the Legislature. It will probably be no easy task for the Governor to adjust these opposite views of the Chinese : and it is certain th t he will benefit the Colony if he prevent the short sighted policy of hindering the advent of a class of men who must be most valuable in developing any new place. Certainly, to

nee' will eventually become 'the hewer of wood and drawer of water' for Europe. as he is fast becoming for America and Australia. We have not yet seen the end of strikes among skilled artisans and agricultural labourers in England and on the continent. The growing dearth of domestic servents is a matter of universal complaint. The Chinese are able, with very little training, to perform all the varieties of labour involved in those occupations with satisfaction to their employers. The climate is not more severe than that of New Engmasters as the final method of adjusting rate even the quotation is not a firm one. their difficulties with their men in manufactures and agriculture ! We trust that employers and employed will so strive to meet the views of each other as to avert so undesirable an eventuality, and Shipping in Port.—Hornet, Wm. Man. discourage the importation of a race whose has become a grave cause of distu-bance in distant English speaking communities. At all eve ts, if Chinamen Bernoulle, C., Officer de Paix, Municibe generally utilised in Australia and America in developing and extending the industries of those countries, it is evident that such a step is totally incompatible with the continuance of protective duties. Their Customs' tariffs were estensibly imposed to encourage white labour. If Chinaman can he had to do the work of white men at 40 per cent. less wages, the mantifacturers sione are benefited. Not only are the interests of native workmen sacrificed to such an arrangement, but the public suffer by it. If beathen labour should be brought to bear on all branches at the present rate, to the serious injury of white labour in the countries in question, restrictive flaval battiers raised up against Stitish competition should be thrown down."

This conclusion is undoubtedly in the right direction, but it hardly goes enough. If the Chinese are to have free access to our colonies and to enjoy full protection, then surely we may claim the asine rights in China and ought not longer to be excluded from the interior of the

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. C. May.) February 10, 1877.

THE "WATER-GENII" FLOWERS. Chow Angan, a hawker, was charged by Chun a Kew, with stealing a quantity of McDonald, J., No. 7. Ragian Street, Sui Sin Fa. The Complainant stated that he had some 500 bulbs of this flower—an ornamental flower for the New Year-preserved in a stream at Lap Sap Wan. He was watching them, but at 4 p.m. he went to his meal, and on his return, they were found to have been stolen. He went round to make enquiries, and saw the defendant and others hawking the same kind of flowers, which from their peculiar cut and dressing, he recognised to them be his. asked them where they got the flowers from, but the men all left except the defendant whom the complainant caught hold of. The defendant thereupon said "if the flowers were yours, you could have them back again." A Constable was called and the defendant was taken into custody. The defendant stated that the flowers were bought by his partner from a man named Chu Aling, but he could not find him. Fined 20/ for unlawful possession.

REACH OF THE STAMP ACT. Poon Pat, a hawker of incense at Hollywood Road, was summoned by the Collector of Stamp Revenue, for a breach of the Stamp Act, in that he gave a promissory note on unstamped paper. The case originally arose in the Summary Court, where one Leong Nam Toi claimed \$10 from the defendant, but inasmuch as the note was not stamped, he could not austain his claim on the promissory note but as money lent. Mr Justice Snowden impounded the unstamped note and forwarded it to the Collector of Stamps, who, having obtained permission of the Attorney General, through the Colonial Secretary's Office, instituted these proceedings. Mr Lister proved that the note was not stamped and that the duty thereon was 80 cents. The plaintiff in the summary suit was tendered as a witness, but his evidence was not received by the Magistrate, as it was a doubtful question whether he could be exemined, he being as much an offender against the Ordinance as the defendant. The defendant stated that he did not know the law, and that the note was given him to copy by the plaintiff himself. The Magistrate fined him \$10.

A YOUNG THIEF. Thos, Lewis, a cabin boy out of employ and described as a native of Hongkong, was charged by Lai Achuen, a cook unemployed, with stealing a long coat from him. On the 4th inst, the defendant went to the complainant's house and asked to see a man who was a friend of the complainant. was told that the man had gone to sea, but law. as he was a friend of the friend, the complainant invited him to sit down and to have dinner. He stayed the night in the house and left at 8 next morning. It from mining upon any gold field until two was then discovered that a silk long coat years after the proclamation of such gold belonging to the complainant was stolen. field, unless it had been discovered by He was, however, not suspected, and he an Asiatic or African alien." But the came again on the 6th and again on the 8th. Upper House, being largely composed and after he left, a fellow-lodger missed of wealthy "squatters" who have learned a silk jacket. They suspected him and went out to look for him. He was found in Stanley Street. He admitted at once the thefts and produced the missing jacket, but as regards the long-onat. he said he had sold it .- The defendant stated that he was a destitute, having no place to sleep or anything to eat. Sergeant question, but we may be certain from Sir Lindsay stated that what the defendant had said was not true; he had a mother. ence upon the side doing justice to the had been convicted twice before for larceny. The Magistrate ordered him to be kept in gaol for three months with hard labour, and to be twice flogged 10 strokes on the breech.

DRUNKENNESS. D. Michaelson, a seaman belonging to the barque Lucky, was fined 50 cents for the above offence. He was also to pay 60 cents amends for chair-hire.

VAGRANCY.

George Juffa, a seaman, was brought up way hither. The paper above quoted writes for being a destitute. He was just discharged from gaol when he gave himself up to-"Many believe that the 'Heathen Chi- the Police. The Harbour Master had been trying to get him something to do but failed. The defendant was sent to 14 days imprisonment.

CHINKIANG. 31st January :- During the week now under the particulars of his claim to Captain review further investments in Manchester Ellioft, the superintendent of trade of British goods have been made by local traders in merchants in China at Canton, who prothe anticipation of an improvement in prices | mised that the claim should be registered in of the most populous European countries as soon as the Spring demand sets in; be- the books of the superintendent of trade, yond these speculative purchases no business and that the British Government would land, where now they are numerous. They worthy of note has taken place: indeed compel the Chinese Government to pay the could earn wages in England almost equal owing to the near approach of the Chinese debt when the terms were arranged between to what they obtain in the Northern States, | New Year most of the dealers have returned | the two Governments. At the close of the We have no wish to see them settle among to their homes, so that our market may be war certain articles of a treaty were negous as they are doing elsewhere. We should | considered as virtually closed, and we shall | tiated, and one of the articles was the prefer to watch their migratory develop- consequently suspend our weekly report payment by the Emperor of China of a men's at a respectful distance. But is it until business recommences after the holi- sum sufficient to cover the debt due from beyond the bounds of probability that some | days. Malwa Opium .- The weak tone of | the Cohong to the British merchants. Durenterprising Yankee or British subject may | the Shanghai market has caused our dealers ing the negotiations in 1841, Sir Henry intr duce shiploads of them to our shores to reduce their offers very considerably, and Pottinger, who had succeeded Captain as they have been introduced to other | best new Malwa that was selling last week | Elliott, arrived at Macao, and promised the labour markets? What if the advent of freely at Tle, 436 to 438 per picul, cannot petitioner and others that their claims should the Chinaman should be accepted by the now be placed above Tls. 432.34, and at this be insisted on against the Chinese Govern-

# Dead Letters.

Aning, Peter, Grace's Alley, near Well Close Square, London, .... Barry, Miss, 113, Boundary Road St John's Wood, London, ..... palité Française Shanghai, .............. Pois, Miss E., 5, Boverley Road, Upper

Lewisham Road, London, ......... Coward, F., 18, Blue Anchor Road, Crockett, Miss M., 48, Dover Street, Boston, U.S.A., initiation interestionals Dubols, Paul & Co., Marseilles, ......... Durrant, Mr., Crouch End, near Win-

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Lamb, A. H. K, Wellington, New Zealand, mangitimini interitatititi 1 Lebetil, Captain, Barque Juan F. Pearson, Now York, adjunt the distribution !

Mas, Madamo de, Marselles,..... MacBreen, West New Brighton, Staten McCailum, 116, Bedford Street, South,

Liverpool..... McCormack, Mrs . 27. Denison Street, Liverpool Glasgow. McLaughlin, J. P., 170, Broadway, New

York City..... Meredith, James, 613, Ellis Street, San Francisco..... Meyer, Anna, Postamt, St. Pauly, Hamburg, ......

Newman, Mrs., 10, Stanley Street, Hongkong, .... Nichol, Mr., 31. Cumberland Street. Edinburgh, .... Painter, M., Woodland, near Liverpool,

Ramsay, Miss. 82, Portland Street. Simpson, Captain, barque Kate Waters. Slater, W., 12, Rutland Street, Com-

Smith. M., Nagasaki, .... Stone, Mrs., Confectioner, Church Street, Vigilo, Anetta, Rovigno, Austria,..... Winter, James, 171, St. George's, Street,

mercial Road, London,.....

London, ..... The above letters have been returned from various places at which the addressees cannot be found. If not claimed within ten days they will be opened and returned to the writers.

ENGLISH LAW THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH. No one can be excused because ignorant

No one is required by the law to perform impossible tasks. Anyone who attempts to conceal a fraud is guilty of a fraud. No legal agreement can be made with-

out a consideration. A minor cannot make any obligation that will bind him legally. Notes do not bear interest unless so stated above the signature of the maker. Signatures made with a lead pencil are

A receipt for money paid is not conclusive legal evidence. The acts of one partner in a firm bind all the other members. Contracts made on Sunday cannot be

Principals are responsible for the acts of Agents are responsible to their principals for their errors.

A note made on Sunday is void. A note obtained by fraud, or from intoxicated person, cannot be collected by

> PETITION OF RIGHT. (Pall Mall Budget.)

The law of petitions of right is an in-

teresting branch of legal learning, and the

exposition of its principles in the judgment

welcomed by lawyers as an instructive addi-

tion to a rather meagre list of precedents.

To the lay public, however, the decision will

of the Court of Appeal in the case

Rustomjee v. the Queen will no doubt

we fear, appear a somewhat hard saving. The petitioner, a British subject, was in the year 1838 carrying on business as a merchant at Hongkong, where the Chinese Government had licensed certain Chinese merchants to trade with British merchants within its dominions. These licensed merchants formed a corporate body called a that all its members were jointly liable for the debts of any of its members to any foreign merchants, and, on the failure of any such member to pay, the liability was enforced by issuing an edict directing the Cohong to investigate the claim of the creditor and to settle it if found correct. When the investigation had been made and the amount had been settled, an entry of it was made in the books of the Cohong, and then payment was enforced. The petitioner had business transactions with a Chinese merchant, a member of the Cohong, who, September, 1838, was indebted to him in the sum of 34,000 dollars. On the debtor becoming bankrupt the debt became due from the Cohong, and the usual edict was issued to inquire into the claim. During the inquiry, however, and before the claim could be entered in the book, war broke out between the two Governments, and the British merchants at Canton, including the petitioner, were arrested and imprisoned, and Messrs Spencer and Wolff write on the afterwards expelled from China. He sent ment, and that the amount should be taid to them when received from the Chinese Government. On the 26th of August, 1842. a treaty of peace was signed, whereby the Queen the sum of 8,000,000 dollars as and cased in correct representations of moroccofor the amount of debts due to British covered chairs. Head and body for back subjects by Hong merchants. That sum. facts as stated did not disclose a claim against the Crown, and the Court of Queen's elaborate argument the Court of below. The grounds of their judgment were, first, that on the true construction of British Government, as alleged by petitioner, " for the purpose of paying his claim;" and, secondly, that, since the making

tion of the Crown, Captain Elliott and Sit

There is no denying that the judgment is somewhat repugnant to popular ideas of justice, however constitutionally sound may be the doctrines which it establishes. The argument for the judicial construction of the treaty appears to be, to say the least it, remarkably refined. It was said that it was "not correct" to describe the money as having been paid by the Chinese Government for the purpose of paying the petitioner's claim, because it was paid "not for the British subjects, but 'on account' of debts due to them, no specific sums being agreed upon either between the two Governments or between the merchants and the British Governments." It appears, however, that, at any rate, the sum to be demanded of the Chinese Government was estimated on the basis of the statements of claims made by the petitioner and others; and, supposing of agent or trustee for the petitioner, we moneys paid by the Chinese Government trustee. On the question, however, whether | who live very close to it -so close, indeed. the Crown could have filled that position, we must of course accept the judgment of the court as final : and no doubt the reasoning of the judges from the nature of the But, as we said before, these people know conclusive against the theory of agency. from reality. "The Queen," it was said, "might or might not have made peace upon these terms; she are allowed here; we are only interrupting might or might not have insisted upon any hard work. If we cannot be of use, let us no money being paid;" and the exercise of through the front of the house, all swathed such an absolute authority as this of course in Holland as it is, this time. But before excludes the notion of her Majesty's acting you go, reflect that paint does not hide. as an agent to obtain certain moneys for only masks, the real man and woman, just Mr. Rustomice. We should not, however, as your own words mask your thoughts : have thought it equally consequent on this and just reflect that, if there should be a reasoning that, having elected to make peace | hitch here and there on the first night. on certain terms, these terms to include the payment of certain moneys estimated as suf- part will always encourage those upon ficient to cover the debts due to certain English subjects, she could not become a trustee for her subjects in respect of the moneys so paid. Such a relation would not derogate from the Royal prerogative, for it would not arise till the prerogative had been exercised. The court, however, have held otherwise. No legal right, according to their judgment, arose against the Crown in favour of the petitioner on payment of these moneys, and, if the Crown had failed to perform any duty with regard to them, Parliament alone could correct the failure And since, as the judgment pertinently points out, twenty-five years are not likely to elapse in this country without attention being called to the unjust withholding of money by the Crown from a British subject, we may fairly hope that no real injustice has been done.

GETTING UP A PANTOMIME. (Uperatic and Dramaric Albumi)

Night," and a huge poster representing, earn as much as 5s. a day. very inadequately, the "Glittering Hall of

stumbled across it. Who, for instance, MILEO PILIS."-au1/9/77. was the Columbus that first discovered the private entrance to the Royalty? Nobody knows; else would be surely, have received a medal from the Royal Geographical Society, and been appointed to the com-

mand of the Arctic Expedition. But we are at the stage door, and, being known, are allowed to pass the gentleman who sits there, in whose eyes a ballet girl is of no more account than a duchess. We go up a few steps, and pass a door which we are "requested not to slam," and find ourselves in semi-darkness. Straight in front of us looms a deep-mouthed cavern. that at night breathes out masks and baskets, halberds, carrots, untold gold nay, even babies. That is the property SALTPETRE, room. These canvas walls are the set of the first piece of this evening, so, if go through the door, you will find yourself upon the stage of the Nell Gwyn. It looks more like the deck of a man-of-war, does it not? That deep hole. across which you see by the light burning in those T-shaped pipes, is the orchestrat but there is no band, only the chorus mistiess at the plane to accompany the songs. Those fifty or sixty children, whose chief strength, like Samson's, seems to lie in their hair, will appear on Boxing-night, single, as frogs, or two together as horses. donkeys, even four post beds or four-legged Emperor of China agreed to pay to the tables. Nay, more, we have seen them and seat, arms for hind legs, and legs for Hongkong Bank, 30 the petitioner alleged, was computed on the fore. Others will appear as the Figury basis of the accounts of claims sent in to Phalanz of Pretty Prince Precious Eyes! Chine Fire Ins. Co., \$168 Captain Elliott, of which the petitioner's that flaxen haired young lady, who has just Ohina Traders' laz, Co., \$18?8 claim was one; and the money was paid to taken off her sealekin jacket, being the Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$620 the Plenipotentiary for the purpose of paying prince. At present the prince seems deter. Chinese Insurance Co., \$200 mined to do something dreadful to one's North Ohina Ins. Co., Tis. 875 precious eyes. The cober gentleman in the Yangtase Ins. Association, Tia. 630 whom the petitioner was one, to do. The fluffy and braided greatcoat with the scalakin H.K. & W. Dock Co. 471 dis. collar and onfie, and the green satin necktie | H.K. O. & M. S. boat Co., \$19 dis. with a dismond pin in it, is the clown; while | Bhanghai Steam N. Co., Tis. 85 or div. the boy of mineteen, who is just getting Hongkong Hotel Co., \$525 dis. ready to go through a scene of leaps and "flip-flaps" is the "lean and slippered That gentleman who inclines to porbliness will, ere long, appear in sheeny spangles as agile harlequin, while the drassar is just fetching some bread and cheese and stout for columbine, who has come all the way from Clapham Common to rebearse, and who will have to go through the whole of her scene again in half an hour.

Let us leave the stage and come away ub through the flies to the carpenter's shopens real shop, with bench and tools and busy mon. Let us cross the drawbridge and knock at the wardrobe door. The mistress opens it, and we enter a workroom lined with shelves and prosses, in which should

the Crown in the manner alleged; nor could dozen girls are hard at work; some on the Sovereign become agent or trustee for gauzy muslin, others on costly velvets, and the petitioner in respect of the moneys in a few on broadcloth. A tap at the door is heard, and the fairy queen comes in, rather heavily for a fairy, for she is married to the cornet and has seven children, to whom papa's song and mamma's dance mean supper. That dress of blue and silver is hers, and very handsome she will look in it, when she has put on her fair wig. A fair wig is an antidote to age, as spangles are preventive from dirt. But, before we go, let us go down into the workroom and see the property-man finishing the masks. Those heads of the Government are papier mache-and some heads of the Government are no better .- they are going to be coloured, and then they will be baked, then hair will be put on them, and on the night you go you will be pleased and puzzled by likenesses that you cannot fail to re

Those great canvas clothes rolled un there are the scenes, which it is the fashion that the Crown could have held the position | to say look like daubs. That they do in reality is only the opinion of those who do scarcely see how it could be denied that the not understand good painting, or who have not seen good scenery. For stage scenes under the treaty would have been received are only pictures seen through a strong by the Crown in such capacity of agent or | magnifier; though it is the fashion of some that they may be said to live by it-to disparage all that is connected with the stage, and to look at it through a microsope. Royal prerogative to conclude treaties is nothing of paining, and cannot tell rouge

But we must go away, no idle losfers little good-humoured applause on your own whom devolves the labour of " Getting up a Pantomime.

Consul Stevens, in his commercial report on Nicolaeiff for the past year. mentions a system which he adopted with great success in dealing with applications from "distressed British seamen" who insist in being provided for at the cost of the British Government. Mr. Stevens instead of sending these men away as distressed seamen, obtains work for them on shore, whereby they gain more than sufficient to keep themselves and buy clothing-which they all need, as none apply to the consulate before they have sold the last rag to their back-until opportunity presents itself to ship them on wages. They are thus saved from idleness, benefited in no small degree and the British Exchequer is saved an important sum of money. The plan, though it entails much work on the consul, prevents men from Easy work? nothing of the kind; what- knocking about the town, and complaints ever you may think from the perfect from the local police, none of the members smoothness with which everything seems to of which speak any foreign language. work, as seen from your box or stalls. Come This system has been worked by Consul away with me on a chill December morning, Stevens, he says, with wholesome result when it has snowed steadily all night, and ever since his first connection with the thawed no less steadily all the early morn- | consular service; and though he has during ing, until those who alike wealthy and wise that period had legions of distressed British go out in shooting boots, and those who are seamen on his hands, he has never drawn poor try to slip between the slushes, and so much as a penny on their account from will not go to the front of the house, all obtains for the men are trimming grain gaudy with placards of Christmas Panto- cargoes, labourage in factories and mills. mime; "Great Attraction for Boxing and if they know any trade they sometimes

"Berkeley, Sept. 1869.—Gentlemen I "Cohong;" and one of its incidents was Gauze and Gossamer." No, we will turn feel it a duty I owe to you to express my into a by way, and go to the stage entrance. gratitude for the great benefit I have de-The psychology of stage-doors is curious. rived by taking 'Norton's Camomile Pills.' Like charity, they "do good by stealth, I applied to your agent Mr Bell. Berkeley. and blush to find it fame." At least they for the above named Pills, for wind in the seem, in the daytime, to seclude themselves, stomach, from which I suffered excrucialike the modest violet-which, by the way, | ting pain for a length of time, having tried probably selects seclusion for the sake of nearly every remedy prescribed, but withcoolth (you say warmth, so why not coolth?) out deriving any benefit at all. After rather than modesty. Like the way to taking two bottles of your valuable pills. I Calypso's Island of Ogygia, or the transit was quite restored to my usual state of to Broadwood's pianoforte factory, there is | health. Please give this publicity for the no backward track. No one ever directed benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. anybody to the stage-door, except of the | -I am. Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLPASS. Haymarket theatre—everybody has always | -To the Proprietors of Nobron's Camo-

Quotations. -Hongkone, Feb. 10, 1877. OPIUM.—New Patna, cash...\$575 credit, 5774 New Benazes, cash, 540 credit, 542 New Malwa, cash, 555 credit. 560 Allowance Taels, 8 a 21 Old Malwa, cash, 570 Allowance Taels, 12 a 24 OUICKSILVER. ... Exchange. Bank, on demand, ... 4/2 30 days' night, ... 4/22 6 months sight, ... 4/8 Dogumentary, 6 months sight, 4/3 a 4/8 Bombay. ... 111 111 111 228 Calcutta, ... .. .. .. 2231 Shanghal, demand, ... ... 731 Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., Mexicans, ... ... Gold Leaf, ... English Sovereigns, Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.75 Discours and are Bhares.

- R. Fire Ins. Co., \$578 Chinese Imperial Loan, 499

Temperature. (Taken at Mesers Falsoner & Co.'s Promises. Queen's Road.) Houseone. Feb. 10, 1877. THERMOMETER-9 A.M. III (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. Do. 1 P.M. Do. 4 2.11. Maximum. Minimum over night,

## Portfolio.

moder of .WEARIN' AWA'. and

The following lines are contributed to the columns of the New York Scotsman by Mr A. Wanless, of Detroit. They are said to be the production of the poet Burns, but some doubt is entertained on that head. Mr Wanless writes-" If it is Burns' composition it is somewhat strange that it has never appeared in print. What a wail of sorrow and sadn se these lines convey ! They touch every sympathetic chord of the heart. They appear to be the last words of verge of eternity! For the benefit of his | waz did. health, about the latter end of June, 1796, Burns repaired to Brow, which is some ten miles distant from Dumfries. .. Miss Lewars | kant fill. resided in Dumfries,"]

The sun lies clasp'd in amber clouds Half hidden in the sea, And o'er the sands the glowing tide "Comes racing merrily ; The hawthorn hedge is white with bloom. The wind is soft and lown, And sad and still you watch by me. . Your hand clasp'd in my own.

O. let the curtain blde, Jessie. And raise my head awee. And let the bonnie setting sun Glint in on you and me. The world looks fair and bright, Jessie. Near loving hearts like you. But puirtith's blast sifts summer's love. And makes leal friendships fow.

O. Jessie, in the dreary night I clasp my burning hands Upon those throbbing, sleepless lids. O'er eyes like glowing brands; And wonder in my weary brain If haply, when I'm dead, My auld boon-friends for love o' me Will gie my bairnies bread.

O did the poor not help the poor, Each in their simple way. With humble gift and kindly words God pity them, I say ; For many a man who clasp'd my hand With pledges o'er the bowl. When the wins-halo passed away, Proved but a niggard soul.

O blessed thought midst our despair There is a promise made. That in the day the rough wind blows The east wind shall be stay'd. A few short years, and those I love Will come again to me. in that bright realm without a sun-That land without a sea.

O wilt thou gang o' nichts, Jessie, To my foreaken hearth; And be as thou hast been to me. The truest friend on earth? San awastly in your linnet voice You'll sing my weaps to rest. While Jeanie leans her weary head Upon your loving breast.

Ah! what is fame ! Its wroath of bays Cools not the fevered brow, Wilt tell his name in coming day. Who whistled at the plough, And wrote a simple song or two For happier hearts to sing Among the -Li-i-g outdayes of corn; Or round the household ring.

Yet would I prize the bubble fame; If my own artless lays Bore the sweet deeds and lovingness For future time to praise. True soul ! I bless the poet skill Which won a friend like thee, Whose love 'twixt love of home and heaven Is with me constantly.

DEATH -It buries every error, covere every defect, extinguishes every resent-From its peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections. Who can look down upon the grave of an enemy, and not feel a compunctious throb that he should have warred with the handful of earth that lies moldering before

I can.-Of course you can. You show it in your looks, in your motion, in your speech, and everything else. Every attitude shows that your body has a soul, and is inhabited by resolution and moral sense. I can! A brave, hearty, soulful, manly expression! There is character, force, vigor, determination, and will in it. The words have a spirit, sparkle, and pungency about them, not to be resisted nor forgot There is a world of meaning expressed in them.

## Jose Billings' Philosophy.

FRUIT KAKE. A lie is like a brush heap on fire; it is eagier to let it burn out than try to extin- the loss of hundreds of their comrades.

that he don't deserve. Revenge makes a hornet respektable, but it is the very basest pashun in man.

more simple he kan afford to be. After all sed and done, if there wasn't empthing but lambs in this world, life and | whizzing of the deadly missiles and the mutton would be a grate drug.

The more inteleckt a man haz got, the

make is to buk agin cirkumstansis. Done hurt for fame-let fame hurt for yu. There is lots ov people who when they hav changed one sin for another, think they | there, with solitary once in between, each

hav repented of the fust one. ambishun, the fust thing he dus is to be dragged himself to shelter, perhaps dying disgusted with it.

snny other way to git ahead than'to pull drop as they went, it is then you can sumboddy back. shins of the man or good sones.

world staps gently one side and lets him Man is so mitch ov a hipokrit that I hav known him to offekt even sine that he liad not the nerve nor genius to be guilty ov.

bi hearing yurezelf talk. The road to ruin is allwass kept in acod

What a blessing it is to be simple, to hav the body tatisfied with simple food, and in seemingly arousing the attention of the thind mitisfied with simple truth.

Pky to a cage ov fighting lions and tigers as

to undertake to run mankind by surrai than the top one.

ov it iz putting salt onto a sore. more, and ritch az we want less. munny got in the same way, the hardest kind ov a thing to keep.

It iz quite an accomplishment to be able to mind our own buzziness. If you want to make yureself a pauper. and yure friends enemys, give them all they ask for.

a mighty-minded man, whose soul is on the | we seldom kan tell exactly how the thing

wife he haz generally taken a kontrakt he Forgive others fust, and yourself after-

makes begging pay so poorly. more importance than the number. only ask kredit for what I aktually do. Wine unloke the door and then throws

> VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUN-TEERING.

away the key.

BY RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI. A few days ago I was chatting with well known and highly, respected medical gentleman of this town, and we were comparing notes about the different deaths we had been present at. He, with an experience of course much wider than mine, remarked how small a percentage of the persons he had seen die troubled themselves about anything at the last moment, and certainly very seldom about their future state. My experience coincides with his. as generally the predominating idea of the day, as it were, is the one that finds expression at the last moment. I shall never forget a poor peasant boy, who in his first battle was shot through the body. Being made fully aware that he had only a few hours to live, he asked "Ma muoio per la patria, non e vero !- But I die for my country, do I not?" and when he received an affirmative answer seemed fully consoled by it, for he scarcely spoke afterwards. Of course with as Italians patriotism has generally been the leading motive, and I could recall numberless examples of men breathing their last with such expressions as Viva l'Italia or Viva la France on their lips. Sometimes a merely temporary anxiety preoccupies them, as in the case of friend of mine who was shot by my side. We had to crose a wide read enfiladed by the enemy, and started togother. within a few pards of the other side, I saw him suddenly fall on his face. I guessed at once what this meant. I turned as scon as I could and saw him raising himself on his hands, and heard him say in a lowvoice, "10 muoio, lo muoio /- I die. I die!" As soon as he saw I was coming, he said, with an expression I shall never forget "Quick, I have some papers of general's in my breast, take them i" As he said this he fell again on his face before I could catch him, and as I turned him over. the Latt-closed eye and dropping Jaw told me that he was dead. The bullet had entered under one armpit and come out under the other. On another occasion was called by an urgent message to the side of a volunteer who had been shot in the lungs, and who had something of importance to communicate to me. started at once, but when I arrived he could no longer speak. They had raised him up to prevent suffocation, but as watched the look of agonised desire to communicate something in his eyes—the cold perspiration rolling down his face, and the terrible effort, every moment growing weaker, he made to breathe—I could see that whatever he might have had to say should never hear, while his face wil certainly remain impressed on my memory to my last day.

Some dreadful things sometimes happen in warfare, that move even the most callous and most experienced. Such an incident took place at the battle of Bezzecca. On account of the broken and bush-covered nature of the ground, the search for the wounded had been prolonged much beyond the usual time. On the fourth day after the battle one of the search parties came upon the body of a man which had an open note-book in its hand. On one page of it he had written, "I have waited two days, and now I die. Addio /" Fancy the poor fellow lying there dying of hunger and his wounds, hoping every minute that help would come, and when at last he wrote that sentence certain that when help came it would be too late! This created a great impression among our men, more so than

When perhaps some early morning you Noboddy but a coward will accept praize | have passed over a green field with every blade glittering in the rising sun, and have inhaled fresh life with the balmy atmosphere; when, later in the day, you have found yourself in the same field inbaling the same atmosphere, no longer fresh, but smoke-laden, with your cars filled by the groaps of stricken men, the sullen rage of A defeat suffered gracefully is haff a vik- a flerce conflict at your heart scarcely allowing you to note the hellish work going The most disastrous fight enny man kan on around you; and when still later in the day you pass again over the same field to see it all trampled down and furrowed by shells, with groups of dead bodies here and lying in its crimson pool, bloody trails on After a man has reached the hight of hiz the grass where some poor wretch has on the way, or carried to the roar by his The majority ov the world dont kno ov comrades, dropping his life out drop by

understand what a cursed thing war lo. Good luk never enters into the kalkula. It has often been remarked among us that bravery is oftener met with among two I notice one thing when a man intends to classes of soldiers, cither in the newly. panish the world bi retiring from it, the joined and young recruit, or in the old volunteer who counts his battles by the dozen: The first displays courage, I suppose, on the principle that the child does not fear the fire till it has burnt its lingers, the second because he has so often escaped Ying man, yo kent learn ennything new that he has become indifferent to the danger. I remember a lad of some fourteen years of age, who volunteered to go and older, and those who travel it pay the light the faggets that had been piled up against one of the gates of Monte Rotondo: It was getting duck, and he errived without etiemy, but when he began to strike his I would as soon think ov reading the riot | matches; and having lit some paper with which he had been provided proceeded to make a blaze, the firing frefil the wells and bastions became fast and furious, though The bottom round of the ladder is safer we did all we could to divert this by keep. han the top one.

If men of hearts were allyman mon by he had satisfied himself that it had well taken

he afterwards recovered.

taken act of moral courage, that took place | accurate observation; and of course they a short time before we took the field against must have a full sweep of the ground the Austrians in the Tyrol. En passant; defended, a condition which is quite comso called, as we were acting with the regular from marksmen in the enemies' tons. On troops, really were brigades, being each each side of the defended channel, landbetween three and four thousand strong; marks, such as poles, or patches of paint. To the command of one of these, an old are provided in such positions that the line volunteer officer; Colonel Specchi by name, to each from the station on the opposite had been appointed. This gentleman was bank shall pass over a mine. When a an old friend of ours; in his younger days hostile vessel, therefore, crosses any of the claims to consideration of these quiet, the chief engineer of such a leg, I feel like. he had been a leading star in the musical these lines the placing of a metallic plug in unobtrusive, little-discussed, and less- saying that if you insist on offering only world, and all old play-goers on the continent the proper hole of the cribbage board known implements of submarine warfare, a dollar and a half for it, why, take it; it's ever, having a penchant for warfare and on that side of the channel; and should to play an important role in any great war on trifles. I'll take it off and wrap it up in being a man of strong liberal opinions—he this occur on both sides—that is, should of which naval operations form part. All paper for you, shall I?" " I'm sorry," says Carlist campaigns in Spain early in this the landmarks corresponding to the same and properly kept, very secret and quiet I'vegot two good legs already. If I ever lose century and having never missed taking mine-the circuit would be completed and in this country; but it is satisfactory to one why, may be then I'll "I don't part in all our wars of independence—he her destruction inevitable. As a rule, the know that this silence and secreey do not think you exactly catch my idea on the had become one of our most trusted officers, operator at the dominant station will not | mean inactivity, but that on the contrary | subject," said the stranger. "Now, any On the morning before the day on which his regiment was to leave the depot where his eye to the telescope, and his hand, several years elaborating, and it is hoped are as common as dirt. It's disgusting how it had been organised to take the field, his servant, going into his room, found him of any key completing the circuit in the pedo attack and defence, the actual ap- But I take you for a man who wants to be sitting in his chair with a pistol-shot through his brain. A sealed letter addressed to my His assistant will generally be so placed illustrate the enormous value and im- go it alone, as it were. Now, if I had your father lay on the table before him, and that the doomed vessel will cross his lines these were its contents as well as I can first, so that his plug is set; and when the remember :- "My dear General,-I find that my failing health will not allow me to on the fatal key and its music is the dull support the fatigue of the command you resonance of the perturbed depths, and the have entrusted to me, but as I do not wish | death-cry of a thousand brave men. The it to be said that on the eve of taking the automatic action of submarine mines is also field I withdraw from the force, I have de- provided for by means of "circuit closers" cided on putting an end to my life lest some | enclosed in buoys, whereby the mine day some one might taunt me with having exploded when the buoy, moored so as to done so." &o.

I will finish this paper with an authentic ghost story, as it has something to do with volunteers. During the campaign of 1866. my sister remaining alone at home, invited bered having left there during the day, and about the contents of which the two ladies had been chatting, went into a long gallery communicating with the part of the house in which her room was. She had not been gone a minute when the household was roused by hearing a piercing shriek. Everybody rushed to the gallery and there found Miss B--- stretched on the floor in an insensible condition. When she had recovered and was able to speak, she stated that, proceeding rapidly down the gallery, thinking of the book, she suddenly found herself face to face with her younger brother, dressed in his regimentals and leaning on his rifle, which she remarked had his bayonet fixed. As she knew he could not be there in the flesh, she fainted: Next morning a telegram was sent to us in camp, and though a reassuring answer was for obvious reasons sent back, she learnt some weeks later the truth that her brother had been killed on that day in an engagement above Storo.—Australasian.

## NOTES ON ARMAMENTS.

(Pioneer.) London, December, 1876. While artillerists have been devoting their attention to the production of "infants." each more bounding than its predecessor. military engineers have been mindful that the most vulnerable portion of an armoured vessel is below the water line; and that though this region is protected by the deflecting and resisting action of the water from the attacks of projectiles, the very inertia of a ship in motion is amply sufficient to ensure the action of a simple detonating arrangement, and thereby to determine an explosion of any required intensity. that is necessary, then, in the case of an advancing vessel, is to snsure that the dotonating arrangement and explosive charge shall lie directly in her path, or in the case of a vessel at anchor, that these shall be propelled against her hull with the slight modicum of force necessary to release a described as a box. shaped conveniently walk about on the small of his back.

The forms of subaqueous attack to which fitted with levers whereby vertical the enemies of England will be exposed lateral contact with a heavy resisting body are submarine mines, or fixed torpedoes; and movable or missile torpedoes known containing a sufficient charge of gun cotton. as the Whitehead torpedo, the Harvey torpedo, and the outrigger torpedo. Submarine mines vary from a simple case the tow-rope is clacked; or, the speed containing the explosive moored and reduced, it sinks below the surface. Brakes suspended at the depth requisite for its effective action; and provided with a simple of the tow-tope can be effected at will mechanical or chemical appliance, to effect The torpedo vessel then is supposed to its explosion when struck by the advancing steam along at a minimum speed of about vessel. all bi which could be quickly and B knots, whereby the torpedo is kept visibly readily extemporised to an elaborate system | at the surface, and about 150 yards distant of groups of mines of large or varying the tew-rope making an angle of about 48 9 explosive power; wherein the flidividual with her course. When nearing the enemy charges may be exploded either simultane: the tow-rope is intmentarily slackened and ously, or severally, of in rapid succession, the torpedo sinks, the rope is again tau-Such systems are applied to the defence of tened by the brake, and the torpade rises harbours and channels of importance, s. g., with increased force against the bottom of those issding to the national dockyards, the hostile ship and explodes. It is and their elaboration is a matter for difficult for a landsman to imagine a case engineering talent of a high order. They in which a vessel strong enough to risk a should not only be so placed as to make it passage at 150 to 200 yards in the face of impossible for a hostile vessel to force the the enemy's artillery armament, should pessags without encountaring one or more require to have recourse to such a whole of them; but they should be to disposed | sale measure of "death without quarter that the explosion of one thine, or one as is implied in the use of a tornedo; but

honor this world would be comparatively | we saw him turn round and wave his cap. | concussion, cause that of the remainder, | rate the Harvey torpedo is a recognised | backward, or the toes turning down Above the din we just heard his shrill and the main, or large mines should be naval weapon of offence. place. He was ordered to charge up a of a diagram. Two operators are stationed. the enemy, but finding that his men refused river which is defended by the subaducous firing and even opened their ranks and familiarised by the sections of the oceanic The quality ov yure friends iz ov mutch allowed him to enter into their midst. He cables, so that each mine is like a gigantic then stopped his horse and pulling out his octopus stretching two arms, or antennæ, 'I don't ask enny kredit for mi simpathy; revolver rapidly discharged its six shots under water to the shore; and with suitable. into the compact mass of men round him. "Battery" arrangements a complete circuit then flung the empty weapon into the face of electricity could, by connection with the

bayonet thrusts simed at him, it broke each station; each operator sits at a table. a key-board like a small piano. Each has T cannot fail to record a splendid if mis- a telescope fitted with cross wire for more I must remark that our regiments, though | patible with their being completely hidden

chief sights her in line his finger descends ride immediately over it, is struck by the advancing ship of the enemy. First in order of the missile class of tor-

psdoes, both in virtue of its offensive power and of the wonderful ingenuity displayed were serving with us, to stay with her. or fish torpedo. The details of its mech One evening Miss B ----, having occasion to anism are known only to a select circle of but the fish torpedo is so contrived that it recommendations, that of substituting land into the enemy at any given range, and it carried out, it is to be hoped that our interest until you check it out. Good is so tractable that it will either explode gunners will soon learn that their weapons explode to time, and should miss its object, more far reaching than those of the infantry the enemy would assuredly burn their soldier,-a conviction which cannot but fingers if they set about to capture this increase their interest in artillery and fish. If, however, it be aimed at a hostile | their desire to master the subtleties of vessel running the gauntlet, it would be its application. set to act on percussion, and on missing I hear that Lieutenant Watkin, R. A., would float inert on the water; and thus has invented a range finder which is by careful handling an expensive store | described as marvellously simple, easy of might be recovered. The action is. of application, and very accurate. I hope course, by detonation, and a charge of soon to be able to send you a description of hanged. What he had stolen might have 70lbs of gun-cotton carried by the present | this instrument, together with some com- | been worth five shillings. The Marshal, hitherto constructed. Devices of wire this mail. netting are suggested for protecting ships from the attacks of this insidious engine i but they are hardly compatible with any high rate of steaming, and naval men who erst cried "for God's sake keep out the about torpedoes. A double bottom of said- 'Mr Brown, you don't want to buy saleguard against being sunk by a torpedo; one that I've been wearing for two or three

> the mercy of the guns and rame. for progress through the water, and may ensure detonating action. This box. is towed on the quarter of the vessel using the torpedo, and is so weighted that when are fitted on board whereby the tautening

the vortex caused by its sinking foe.

and its contents in the centre.

annuls the break of circuit above alluded to which are destined, it cannot be doubted, yours. I'm not the kinder man to stand had served with distinction in the old she pass before both telescopes directed on connected with torpedoes has been kept, Brown, "but the fact is, I have no use for it." employ the cribbage board, but will sit with lour engineers and sailors have been for man can have a meat and muscle leg. They over the keys of the piano, the depression and believed successfully, a system of for- monotonous people are about such things. same manner as the insertion of a plug. | plication of which can hardly fail to original. You have style about you. You

to time" or on striking. If it be set to are scarcely less accurate, and are infinitely

service pattern leaves a considerable margin: | parative notes of the trials of our 80-ton | meeting him as he was being led to execuso that should reduction in size be desired gun, and of the 100 ton gun supplied by tion, said to him, "What a miserable fool for considerations of speed, or length of the Elswick Ordnance Company to the you were to risk your life for five shilrange, it might be effected and still leave Italian Government, and other matters of lings!" "General," replied the soldier, "I the machine capable of sinking any vessel | interest which time forbids my noticing by | have risked it every day for five pence."

> A WOODEN LEG. (Max Adeler.)

A man came into Brown's grocery store shells," are casting about for a stronger | the other night while I was there, and the form in which to express their feelings following conversation ensued. The man cellular construction seems to offer the best | a first rate wooden leg, do you? I've got but what speed or manduvering power years, and I want to sell it. I'm hard up would be left to a ship, the outer skin of for money, and although I'm attached to which was torn with a large jagged hole, that leg, I'm willing to part with it so's I with perhaps a few feet of loosened plate kin get the necessaries of life. Legs are ali projecting? She must surely then be at well enough; they are handy to have around the house, and all that I but a man The Harvey torpedo may be broadly must attend to his stomach if he has to I'm going to make you an offer. That leg is Fairchild's patent; steel springs, indiarubber joints, elastic toes, and everything, and it's in better order than it was when Majesty was standing on the public road I bought it. It'd be a comfort to any man. It's the most luxurious I ever came across. a particular point, a flock of sheep approach. If seraphic bliss kin ever be reached by a ed. Her Majesty, being intent on her man anywhere this side of the tomb, it work, took little notice of the flock, and belongs to the person who gets that leg on merely moved a little measur the side of the and feels the consciousness creeping over road. A boy in charge of the sheen shouted his coul that it is his'n. Consequently I say at the top of a stentorian voice, "Stan' that when I offer it to you, when I give cot o' the road, 'oman, and lat the sheep you the first shy at it. I'm doing a personal gas by !" Her Majesty not moving out of favor ; and I think I see you jump at the the way quite so fast as the shepherd chance and want to clinch the bargain wished, he again shouted, " Fat are ye before I mention-you'll hardly believe it stan'in there for ? Gang oot o' that, and I know-othet I'll actually knock that leg lat the sheep pass!" One of Her Majesty's down to you at four hundred dollars | attendants, who had been at a distance, on Four hundred, did I say? I meant six hearing his royal mistress thus rudely hundred | but let it stand. I never back assailed, went up to the Shepherd, and out when I make an offer | but it's just thus addressed him-" Do you know who throwing that leg away, it is indeed." It is you have been speaking so rudely to, But I don't want an artificial leg," said boy?" "Na-I neither ken nor care; but, Brown, "The beautiful thing about the be she fa' she likes, she sudna be i' the limb," said the stranger, pulling up his sheep's road." "That's the Queen," said trousers and displaying the article, "is that the official. The boy looked astonished: it is reliable. You kin depend on it. It's and, after recovering his senses, said, with always there. Some legs that I've seen are great simplicity, "The Queen ! Od, fat treacherous. Most always some of the way disna she pit on class that four car group of mines, should not, by its mere perhaps there are such cases, and at any strings bur, ting out, or the joints working ken her?"

and ketching in things. Regular frauds. It is tuff to be poor, but to be ashamed | voice as he cried " Viva l'Italia !" and then | protected by smaller ones thrown out as | The outrigger torpedo is a contrivance | But It's almost pathetic the way this leg he suddenly disappeared. However, he re- skirmishers on the front or flanks, with requiring for its application all that coolness goes on year in and year out, like an old We are all ov us poor just az we want joined us a few minutes later, by a miracle the special object of accounting for boats and skill, coupled with the willing risk of faithful friend, never knowing an ache or safe and sound, to become the pet of the which may be sent on the "forlorn" errand life at the beck of duty which have ever a pain, no rheumatism, nor any such truck Reputashun that we hav inherited iz like army for a week after. A young gentleman of underrunning and getting rid of the characterised our seamen and their officers. as that; but always good-natured, and named Fassari, who was not more than 18 monsters which lie in the path of the It consists in an iron case of sufficient ready to go out of its way to oblige you. years of age, and son of a great landed mother ship. The main agent by which dimensions to carry a charge of 100 lbs. A man feels like a man when he gets such proprietor, had raised a company among these systems are worked is electricity, of gun cotton; this is borne on the end of a a thing under him. Talk about your kings the dependents of his family and joined us. and the ingenuity with which this powerful long pole, or out-rigger, protruded from the and emperors and millionaires, and all that He happened to be with a column that and confidential servant is constrained to bows of a boat, and submerged under water. sort of jackassery! Which of 'em's got a occupied a village, the name of which I do the work of destruction is very re- It may be carried by a steam launch, or if in leg like that? Which of 'em kin unscrew forget, in 1867, when it was surprised by markable. I will cite but one instance case of a night surprise by a boat with his knee pan and look at gum thingamyigs Falling in love iz like falling down stairs; the enemy, who before a stand could be which I hope I may be able to make muffled oars. The boat also carries an in his calt? Which of 'em kin leave his leg made had nearly taken possession of the intelligible to your readers without the aid electric battery, from which wires pass downstairs in the entry on the hat rack. along the outrigger to the torpedo; should and go to bed with only one cold foot? When an old phellew marrys a young street that was being rapidly occupied by one on either side of the bay, channel or the boat be sufficiently fortunate to reach There's only one man kin buy that leg, and the enemy unperceived, or unharmed, that's you. I want you to have it so bad to follow him, he put his horse to a canter mines. From each operator proceeds to explosion is determined by completing the that I'll deed it to you for 50 dellars down. and charged alone. The enemy perhaps each mine an insulated wire; that is, one | circuit with the ordinary firing key as soon | Awful, isn't it? Just throwing it away: not understanding the fact of a solitary protected after a fashion somewhat similar as the torpedo touches the hull. The length but take it, take it, if it does make my It is the ingratitude ov beggers that horseman coming against them, ceased to that with which your readers are of the outrigger is such as enables fatal heart bleed to see it go out of the family. injury to be inflicted on the enemy without "Really I have no use for such a thing," danger to the torpedo boat, which has only said Mr Brown. "You can't think," urged to consult its safety by going astern to avoid the atranger, "what a benediction, a leg like that is in a family. When you don't The certainty of action of all these want to walk with it, it comes into play subaqueous engines has been incalculably for the children to ride horsey on ; or you of the nearest officer. Of course he was earth, be thus established. A complete increased by Mr. E. O. Brown's dis- can take it off and stir the fire with it in at once pounced upon, his horse was circuit, however, here incurs the explosion covery that even gun-cotton will detonate a way that would depress the spirits of a almost instantaneously killed, he for of the mine, and as this is the event to be freely if started by a small proportion of the man with a real leg. It makes the most tunately remained on his feet, but defend- avoided until the due season, a slight but dry gun-cotton in contact with the actual efficient potato-masher you ever saw. Work ing himself with his sword against the sufficient break of circuit is provided at detonator. It thus only becomes necessary it from the second joint and let the knee to provide for the protection of the fulminate | kinder swing loose, and you kin tack carshort at the handle. The officers fortunate. he at the minor or subservient station has of mercury detonator and a small primer of pets perfectly splendid with the heel. It's ly succeeded in saving him from the fury an apparatus resembling a large cribbage dry gun-cotton, which can readily be done perfectly levely. Now you're probably of their men, but when we retook him some board in front of him; while he at the by means of a water-proof-bag. The main afeared of dogs? When you see one hours later his skin was said to have been master or dominant station has, in addition charge of gun-cotton is used wet and can approaching you always change your buse. broken in 26 different places; however, to the cribbage board, an instrument with take no harm from the accidental leakage of and may be shin up a tree or something. the torpedo case. Indeed, a torpedomight be I don't blame you; I used to be that way extemporised with so frail and open a case as a before I lost my home-made leg. But you crab or lobster pot in which the wet cotton | decorate yourself with this gorgeous artificial might be packed with the water-proof bag extremity, and then what do you care for dogs ? If a million of 'em came a cohorting To these engines of war, attention would at you what's the odds. You merely stand unfailingly be directed in the event of the still and smile, and aling out your spare present strained condition of Eastern lieg, and let lem chaw, let them fool with politics resulting in that outbreak of that as much as they've a mind to, and European hostilities now so much dreaded howl, and carry on, for you don't care a The booming of all the big guns at cent. An' that's the reason why I say that Shoeburyness or Spezzia cannot silence when I reflect on how imposing you'd be as portance of these submarine engines of war. peculiarities, do you know what I'd do I I'd It was noticed in a previous letter to you get a leg snatched off someway, so's I could that the "Okehampton Committee" had walts around on this one. Or, if you hate strongly recommended "the introduction to go to the expense of amputation, why of some system of rewarding excellences | not get your pantaloons altered, and mount in artillery practice analogous to that this beautiful work of art just as you stand. existing in the rest of the army." This You wabble around this community on three recommendation has borne fruit in the legs and your fortune's made. People shape of a general order establishing a will go wild over you as the three-legged brigade prize of the value of £5, and various grocer; the nation will glory in you; battery prizes of the value of £3 and under. | Europe will hear of you; you will be heard together with appropriate badges of dis- of from pole to pole. Now, look at it in tinction, for good shooting in both garrison | that way, and if it strikes you, I'll tell you and field artillery, and in the latter service | what I ll do. I'll actually swap that imanother brigade prize of £5 with battery perishable leg off to you for two pounds of a young lady friend, whose two brothers in its construction, comes the Whitehead prizes of £8 and under, for skill in driving water-crackers and a tin oup full of Jamaica combined with excellence in the care of rum. Is it a go?" Then Brown weighed horses and harness. This order comes to out the crackers, gave him an awful drink I go to her room to fetch a book she remem. officials, who are bound to secrecy; but it fill up an ugly gap in our arrangements, of rum, and told him if he would take them is well known that the motive power is which has too long stood vacant. It was as a present and quit he would confer a compressed air pumped into the torpedo, not enough to provide an arm of precision favor. And he did. After emptying the which, when released, actuates a screw without ensuring that the gunners who had crackers in his pockets, and smacking his propeller, and so drives the monster (which to work it should be able to put forth its full lips over the rum, he went to the door, so far deserves its name of fish that it | power; and some further incentive than | and as he opened is he said-"Good-bye. might at first glance be well mistaken for a | remote possibility of having to use the gun | But if you ever really do want a leg. Old royal sturgeon) on its subaqueous course. In the presence of an enemy was necessary Reliable is ready for you. It's yours. Such method of propulsion alone would to this end. This incentive has now been consider that you've got a mortgage on it, constitute no very great mechanical marvel; supplied, and if another of the committee's and you kin foreclose any time. I dedicate this leg to you. My will shall mention it. shall rise from its course, which it holds at ranges for the sea ranges which have and if you don't need it when I die, I am a depth of 5 or 6 feet and run its fatal beak hitherto been usual in England, can be going to put it in the savings bank to draw

## Miscellaneous.

A CORRESPONDENT sends the following: Why is a body of quakers supposed to be a learned one? Because every member is a

A SOLDIER of Marshal Saxe's army, being discovered in a theft, was condemned to be

Fire is not flourishing. The revenue for the half-year ending 30th June amounted only to £15,488, little more than the official salaries which amounted to £11,809, while the total expenditure was £32,266 or more than double the revenue. Then there is a difference of opinion about the site of the future capital of the Fiji Islands. Levuka is the present capital with a population of about 1,000, but it has hotter and rainier seasons than any other part of the group, and is altogether objectionable from a sanitary point of view. It possesses no facilities for extension and has no back country from whence to draw supplies. Sir Arthur Gordon has declared that the town can never be made to meet, even moderately well, the requirements of a ceat of Government. The recent "little war" against the mountain tribes cost £626.

CONE day some years ago, when Her near Balmoral, sketching the Castle from

## POSTAL BATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised Sept. 1st, 1876.) In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per four ounces, unless otherwise stated.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

(Br.) means By British Packet; (Fr.) by French Packet; (U. S.) by United States Packet, D. P. means Double Postage C. P., cannot be paid; C. S., cannot be sent; l., at Letter Rate. N. R. No Registration.

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Except India, Ceylon, and Aden, by French Packet, 12 cents. Batavia, 12; Saigon and Pondicherry,

(Fr.) 12; New Caledonia, Tunis, Tangiers, (Fr.) 86. Egypt, (Br.) 12, (Fr.) 24.

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Batavia, India, Aden, Egypt (Br.), Australia, &c., 12; Saigon, Pondicherry, Egypt (Fr.), double postage. NEWSPAPERS (To all the above places) 2

cents. BOOKS AND PATTERNS, 6 cents, except W. Africa, 8. To French Offices cannot

be paid. Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Zanzibar, &c., 1 oz., 2 cents; 2 oz., 4 cents; Every 4 oz, 8 cents.

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Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper. The conditions are as follows:---

None.

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The aupplement must in every case be published with the newspaper; and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs,

at the top of every sheet or side. A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspapers posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh ostage is required. 💢

without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax; postage stamp, or both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed | kinds. the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily in-

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter. No packet of newspapers may be above 8 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth,

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), Inches in width or depth. photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass of any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be cither printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, de, or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, do. be loose or attached | as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of posket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually be imposed. appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c. must not be sent as a seperate packet. Circulars,-i.s., letters which are intends ed for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, thay also be ment by

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W. Africa, Islands of the Atlantic, (except letter, or communication of the inture of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it bers circular-letter or be wholly printed ; nor any enclosure scaled or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter, in guiono concess.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, water, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination : otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, It may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 mohes in length. 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth. unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth. Exceptions. - No packet for Algeria, Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France. Madeira, or Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria, or Turkey, when sent by French Packet. must be above 18 inches in length, width. or depth.

#### PATTERNS

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, spart from its more use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent estensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bond fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be) or any articles cent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends. and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, -but such articles only,-msy be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, of other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds; &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents it is in the

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States ; and in the case of France samples of eider down, raw or thread silk, woollen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or isinglass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz : Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, Every newspaper must be posted either scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments; samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pleces of glass, acids of various otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at | kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all

> Such articles as scissors, knives, razors. forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time, they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavis, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies. Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad, A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Atores, Cape de Verd Islands, France. Madelra, Portugal, or by French packet. to Turkey, Syris, or Egypt, must not 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, do., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, atrange. ments have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters for Singapore, Saigon and the United Kingdom only from 11.10 A.M. to 11.80 A.M. Each letter must boar a late fee of 15 cents extra postant.

The above arrangement is intended to meet opersional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will

similar supplementary Mail will be made tip for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters | lewels, precious articles; of anything that, being received from 10 minutes after, up as a general Phlo, is liable to Customs to half an hour after the time of closing, duties. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

Agricia States at this Office, for the sample of no value.

convenience of those who may wish to post 1 3. The limits of weight allow by the Pacific Route to Canada, the West Indies, saliother places famed below.

For the present no large quantities of these Stamps can be supplied, nor is it undertaken that every denomination can be kept in hand. The charge for Registry is 8 cents in

Hongkong Stamps, and 10 cents in U. S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be Registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cental) / a sambed seer

The following are the charges on Correspondence thus sent :- 1963 and a Letters, per half ounce.

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(not over 4 or ) each Paper. Books, &c., for all other places. Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers, or Book Packets (as silk scarves, ewellery, &c.) will be detained and sold.

Miscellaneous Notices. The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience, which may

arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending. or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal psoket (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to auffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers ; and even with this precaution no fragile article should, be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled severa times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag rand that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means. of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way in official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may. however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be

written thereon. Postmanters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorised to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office, whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter, at the count

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby impeded.

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with war (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in al such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets ; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict Bent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such All inland or colonial letters therefore, which contain coin, and inland letters which contain watches of lewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as register. ed, and charged on delivery with a double registration fea of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage ; and any atch letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain soy article bi intrinsis value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so; it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet; whether to be registered or tipregistered; can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money:

9. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable exticles, unless the Arrangements have been made to sell quantity and be so small as to make the

follows :--

Books and Papers to British Offices. 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 2 lbs. Patterns-to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent,

&c., 8 oz. 4. The following articles cannot be sent Post at all : Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, of whatever is unngerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by a camer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

PATTERNS .- Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Fattern. It is a bond fide sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with shewing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Forts of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from oreign residents....

Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Bongkong and Yokohama, however, in either direction, Money-Orders must be

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented per-

sonally or accompanied by a note. The Postmaster or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds in hand are not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is allowed to charge a Commission of one per cent on all btamps

purchased. Letters containing Stamps should Registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

Correspondence can be forwarded in closed Mails to the United Kingdom vit San Francisco at the following rates !-Letters, ..... 12 cents per 1 oz Registration,...... 8 Newspapers, ..... 4 Books and Patterns, 1 oz., 2

every 4 oz , 8 The Mails close at 2.30 p.m., usually or the 1st and 15th of each month. Registry cannot be effected after 2 p.m.

The average time of transit to London b this route is 50 days. The correspondence must be specially addressed Via Sa Francisco. If insufficiently paid it will b sent via Suez.

During the N.E. Monsoon, the Charlere and Agents of sailing ships for Manil Saigon, Bangkok and Singapore are requests to give notice to this office of the departur of such ships.

No correspondence will be forwarded sailing vessel but such as is specially directed.

## Money Order Regulations.

1.-Money Orders on the United Kin dom are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai a Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama al issue on Hongkong and vice versa. 2 -Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Posts

3, \_Many Money Orders are supplied residents at the smaller Ports in this wa An application for an order\* is filled and is enclosed with a stamped, direct and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster the nearest issuing office. The applicat must be accompanied with the full amou (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departures of the mails.

4-No order must exceed \$10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the dayt and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived. The commission is as follows

Orders on the United Kingdom. . Up to £2..... 18 cents. 27 .... £7 ..... 54 . p Local Money Orders.

B. Lists of Money Order Offices in the Inited Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

8. Names must be given in full (expect when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payse need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are prossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank

7,-No order can be paid till the Pavee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

B ... If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged ; if not within twelve months. the money will be forfeited. When the order is onto paid ht further claim can be entertained.

9 -No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

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## Books, etc. without Covers.

Aberdeen Herald.

Antiquarischer Anzeiger. Arctic Grafic. Builder. Bullionist. Christian Herald. Courrier des Etats. Unis. Court Journal. Crefeld Zeitung. Daniel Deronda. De Aards De Indier. El Cassatal. • El Publice Espanol. Freis Presse. Gacsia de Madrid. Gazzetta Musicale. Genoeskundige Courant Home News. Illustrated London News (Dec. 2). Law Report. Leisure Hour. Lloyds Register. Los En Vast. Mall, The (2 Nos.) Pall Mail Budget-July 7 and Sept. 1. P. Ipsens Enkes, p.c. Press, Die. Roman Zeittung. Bammlung Klinischer Voxträge. Sample of Buttons (Georg Richtet) Schweiner Grenn Post. Sentinella Bresciana. The Times. Town and Country,

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES,
Corrected to Saturday, February 10, 1877.
At 1080 Cash per Dollar Mexican. Celery English, els in Hongkong Harbour. Cucumbers, Ohllies, Dried, Paica, Highest, Louiss Cash. Cash. 100 TO TROUBLE TO TO THE TOTAL OF THE POST OF THE PARTY O late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day. Mixed. Butcher Meat. Ourry Stuff, English, Tany vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Egg Plant, Bacon, English, Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and these in the body of the **50** Garlio, (bulb) dried, ch shore are marked o., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections. Greens, White Beef, sirloin and prime out, Section: .MOLLON. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point. the Gas Works. the Novelty Iron Works. Green, Sprouts fon Works to the Harbour Master's Office. Green Peas, in shell, old Soup, Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. Remarks. Destination. Date of "Horse Radish," S'hal. Flag and Big. Consignees or Agents. Bullocks' Brains, Tons. Captain. Arrival. Name. . head corned .. To-day 9 Butterfield & Swire London &c. . catty Steamers Mint. . Head. 8 pore, Calcutta, &c. 17th, 8 p.m. str. 8 Jardine, Matheson & Co. 4 P. & O. S. N. Co. 5 o Russell Achilles Musiroom, dried, Heart Yokohama Argyll Bombay 5 b Scott 849 798 5079 str. 5 k Smith Onions, Bombay Shangbai 8 Siemssen & Co. Y'hama & S. F'clsoo Mails str. 5 c Hogg 31 P. M. S. S. Co. Chinklang Green Јап. Amer 3 h Tanner Shanghai City of Peking 8 Gibb, Livingston & Co. Paraley, Chinese, Brit. S'pore, Calcutta, &c. 9 David Sassoon, Sons & Co. 5 b Wood Cyphrenes at daylight English. c Gardner 1 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Swatow, &c. -bunch Hindostan Jan. To-day o Young 2 Siemssen & Co. Amoy Leonor at daylight Yokohama 4 o Timm b Messageries Maritimes Madagascar Fch. Brit. 5 c Pasqualini Saigon Menzaleh 9 H. Kim To-day . č sturrock Manila Pumpkins, Montgomeryshire 8 Wm. Pustau & Co. Dan. Brit. str. Saigon 4 o Jensen Melchers & Co. Norden Radishes, Chinese, Cain 7 Douglas Lapraik & Co. 9 Messageries Maritimes Penedo 840 Scallions. str. To-morrow English Shanghai Bäada ............. Coast Ports c Brunet Douglas Lapraik & Co. Mutton Chop. Shalots. Repairing 5 h Punchard 9 Kwok Acheong 6880 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Sesamum, Taro (U Tau) Salling Vessels
A. F. Stallknecht 8 Siemmen & Co. Tomatoes, 539 842 1168 bge, bge, bge, bge, o Schultz 29 Rozario & Co. Turnips, Salt, o Noyes Alden Besse Belle of Oregon 9 Order c Merriman 26 Wieler & Co. 442 524 838 401 o Ringie 28 Siemssen & Co. Bertha . catt Ger. o Wesenberg Bonito 26 Chinese 28 Wm. Pustau & Co. Water Lily Roots. 2 h Lange Bua Caso o Matzen 2 Order 1088 681 Cleared cMurphy 5 Russell & Co. Carpo Jan. Amer. Kidney c Kelly Ceylon 80 Chinese Oleared 2 h Cheng Sang Slam. 80 Eduard Schellhass & Co. Cheng Soon Tientain cstehr Christian Insurance Company 280 896 Amer, 5 k Vincent Coeran 25 Wieler & Co. Oot New York Corinne 8 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. 4 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Dec. Feb. 987 8 b Creelman Amer. Tientsin Outwater 269 529 Ger. 8 k l'iemann Doutschland Edward James 9 Rozario & Co. 25 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Bananas, fragrant Punti. Jan. Dec. & c O'Brien Amer. Brit. London o Knight England's Glory 1 Rosario & Co. Brit. Wandhal Pier e Vandervord Chestnuts, new, Porward 28 Moyer & Co. Dec. Ger. Brit. b Doneken 8 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Hansa Coccanuts c Pearce Irmu 18 Insurance Cos. Aug. Amer h Vincent Currents, Loiteres Sucking Pigs 8 Chinese 424 Jan. 1800 Jan. 570 Jan. Siam. Amer. 2 h Michaelsen Lucky Messagories Maritimes catty c Taylor b Edisten Cleared Bangkok MoNear Dates, Siam. Morning Star Nohemiah Gibson Ponitry. 26 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. 741 Jan. 202 Jan. 492 Feb. 824 Feb. Amer. To-day Figs, Dried, o Bradford Manila 8 Remedios & Co. Span. Ger. Foh, Brit. 2 k Uviente Capons, Nuevo Constante Ground Nuts. 9 Wm. Pustau & Co. o Luders Ducks, Palles MoD.'s Blip temons, k Gaillard Paul Marie Obefoo Eggs, Hen 21 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. 884 Doo. 429 Jan. 241 Feb. ... Laidman Lichocs, Dried, Presto 9 Chineso 2 h Hunte 9 Olyphant & Co. 5 Wm. Pustau & Co. 8 Meichers & Co. Rapid Bio Lodge Loong Ngan, Dried, Brit. 1 c Matthews Olives, green, Punti, Feb. Ger. Brit. 8 cSchultz Rosa Böttcher Sarah Nicholson Fowls, Oranges, (Coolie) Chang .. 8 k Selkirk 9 Tack Mee & Co. Siam. Brit. 2 h Santoph Melbourne &Bydney Geese, 120 Siamess Crown 10 Rozario de Co. Sweet, Sun-woor, 4 k Johnson Spirit of the Age 6 Carlowitz & Co. Partridge (Mand.) coolie aalo & 21 Douglas Laptaik & Co. 21 Russell & Co. Sk Anns 794 Phossants, Canton, live, pair 100 8 c Blaker (Mandarin) Star of China San Francisco Wanshai Pier Amer Brit. c Clough 150 B1 Meyer & Co. Bumatra Papaw, 848 7 h Golder New York v. W'pos Tyburnia 81 Russell & Co. 8 Remedios & Co. Pigeons, Brit. Pears, Santoong, . k Cain **D**nanima 152 Feb. 218 Feb. Span. Brit. 100 3 c Mericaechevatria Quall, Pears, Chefoo. Union 8 Wieler & Co. c Harnden Uzziah Snips Pine-apples, Punti 160 80 Teal Plantains, common ADSMARW Tientsin g Wieler & Co. 828 841 Cunningham Alphington Bonita Cook, 85 Turkey Tientsin 28 Eduard Schollhass & Co. fragrant Jan. Feb. 450 10 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Amer. bqe. 493 Prunes, Dried, Witney Bignal Wild Duck, Pumeloss or Shaddock, each Shanghai Shanghai 7 Siemason & Co. 9 C. M. S. N. Co. Geore, MOTMAD 648 Feb. 870 Feb. Hennings Ching Woodcook. Ohl. Raisins, Muscatel. Pattersen Pau Tab Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 850 Sugar Cane, Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour. . catty Carp, Tamarinds. 100 Codfish, Valnuts. 60 Crabs, Water Chesnuts, Canton ,, Date of Arrival. Commander. H. P. Tons. Guns. Class. Miscellaneous. Anchor Cuttle Fish, Vessel's Name. 640. Alispice, Chinese Dace, Colomb 750 500 File Fish, A. L. Douglas iron-clad (flag-ship) British Dec. Feb. 600 890 Audacious 1600 1500 pteam aloop Walter Stewart Fresh Fish, Large British Barley. Egeria B. E. Cochrane gun vessel British 1500 1400 Bran, gun vessel British 500 600 Lily Mesanco Butter, military hospital Salmond British 120 Lieut. James B. Haye 750 700 gunboat British Gazoupa, Candied Orange Peel, Midge Sheldrake Lient.-com. E. A. Bolitho gunboat British Haddock, H. C. St. John gun vessel British Swinger Sylvia M. St. Hillaire Herrings, surveying vessel British Jan. 10 F. Amaral gorvette French Talisman Commodore Watson gun vessel Portug Sands' Live Fish, Tejo Victor Emanuel . Chily Commodore's flag-ship H. C. D. Ryder British despatch vessel Lobston, Vigilant Mackerel. 180 500 Oysters, CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON Parrot Fish, Coccannt Oil HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER 200 WATERS, &c. Perch, STEAMERS. Pomfret, Curry Powder. Commander. H. P. Guns. Tons. Nant. Prawzu Firewood Owners Captain. Torus. Name Ray, . J. Godail Rosch, Gram. H., C. & M. S. boat Co.
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